

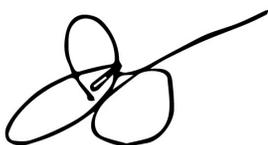


Dear Family and Friends of Second Presbyterian Church,

It is hard to believe I've been with you over seven months now. Where has the time gone? In the past few weeks you have been asked to participate in an important part of the transition: the Mission Study. So many of you participated in the "Let's Talk" conversations. And many more gave their gift of time to complete the survey. Thank you. Your comments are important. And special thanks to the Mission Study Task Force for organizing those opportunities. They are now reviewing the information and will be sharing what we have learned from you in the coming weeks. You also should know that your Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) has been hard at work behind the scenes. They have had some homework: gathering information about finances, demographics, and much more. Soon, they will be putting this all together into a MIF – Ministry Information Form. That form describes the life of the church, the community and what a church desires in their next pastor. Once the PNC has put the form together, they will send it the Session and the Committee on Ministry for approval. This takes a few weeks for all of that to take place. Hopefully, by early fall, the MIF will be ready to share with potential candidates. The word will go out and PIFs (Personal Information Forms- resumes) will come our way.

In addition to searching for a new Senior Pastor, there are search committees for the full time Director of Youth Ministry and the Full time Director of Spiritual Formation (Christian Educator). You have great search committees who are active. The Youth search has been going on for a while and has taken longer than they hoped. They have discovered there is a shortage of Youth Ministers out there. The other search has just begun. Please pray for them and thank them for their faithful service. And pray for those serving in the interim positions for youth, children, families and adults. Ruth, Grant and Marie are joining me in a lot of transitional work! While you are praying, pray for the permanent staff who serve faithfully in this time. I feel privileged to work with all of them. You are a blessed congregation. And you have been a blessing to those of us who serve as you offer your support.

Finally, I hope you have noted that late in August we are kicking off a new program year. Please join us on August 21 as we begin the year with an "Open House" theme. This fall we hope to return to more regular programming. We want to welcome everyone back home to the church to participate in the life and ministry that is so special to Second Presbyterian. Be looking for the fall church brochure that will outline some of the great things coming your way.



Jody Welker



# Summer Season at Second

Summer Sermon Series from the  
Gospels

Messages from the Mountains

And

Lessons from the Lake

*By The Reverend Jody Welker*

August 7	<i>Practicing Your Piety</i>	Matthew 6:5-15
August 14	<i>Judging Others</i>	Matthew 7:1-5



## Join Us For Our Fall KickOff Open House!

**Sunday, August 21**

The last two and a half years have been difficult ones for our church and world, but even with the pandemic still persisting, we are grateful that the life and mission of our congregation has continued! A lot, though, has changed, and many of us are looking forward to getting back into familiar projects or trying out some new ways to be involved in the life of our church.

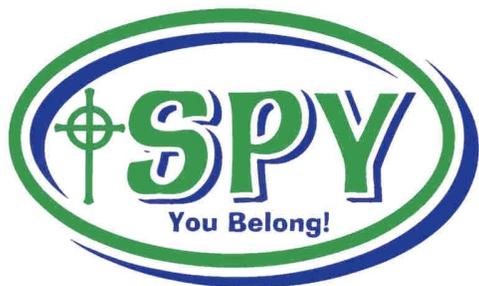
**Sunday, August 21**, is going to be a special day for our congregation! We will be moving back to having three worship services, we will be kicking off the new programmatic year, we will be blessing backpacks at the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services, and we will be hosting a Time and Talent Fair during the Sunday School hour (beginning at 9:50 a.m.) for everyone to learn more about the great things happening at our church! Join us for a full morning of fun!

- *A Return to Three Worship Services*
- *A Back to School KickOff with Blessing of the Backpacks*
  - *A Time and Talent Fair*



***We hope to see you there!***

## SECOND PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH SAY



### THANK YOU!

This summer your generosity has had a huge impact on our youth program! Our youth have traveled to Montreat Music and Worship camps, Junior High Jubilee at MoRanch, and Montreat. They have also participated in Middle School Mission Week with serve partners in our Little Rock community. These camps are an important part of faith formation because they give our youth an early opportunity to explore and learn more about their own faith journeys. Supplementing that cost so it is less for families is done through a planned gift given by a church member who was passionate about the importance of youth camp. It is also through the generosity in your annual giving contributions. Thanks for making these camps and projects such a meaningful part our youths' summer.

### *End of Summer SPY Events*

**WAC (Wednesdays at Church)**  
**5:00-7:00 p.m.**  
**Youth Building**

**August 3:** The Great SPY Bake Off

**August 10:** Create Your Own Golf Course

**August 12 and 13:** SPY End of Year Summer Party

McCormacks' Lake House in St. Joe, AR

**August 21:** KickOff Sunday at Second Presbyterian Church

### *Cheeses With Jesus*



The 2022 *Tour of Margaritas* is coming to a close. We have just two stops left in August before returning to our normal schedule of fellowship and study. August 10 (6:30 p.m.) at Camp Taco at Lost Forty Brewing (822 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street 72202) and August 26 (6:30 p.m.) at Casa Villines (8301 Evergreen Drive 72227). Prizes will be awarded for those who have been on tour!

On August 26 we will include a mission project with our feasting and fellowship: gathering of snacks for staff at *Bale Elementary School*. Thanks to our Outreach Ministry, our church has been in a partnership with Bale Elementary for several years. The snack for teachers and staff (about 55 persons) help promote a positive atmosphere of joy and welcome for students. Please bring your favorite snack stuff (fun or healthy) to fill the baskets. New faces at the table always welcome! We are a pairs and spares group of adults, between 'young adult' and retiree. We normally meet on the second and fourth Wednesday evening of each month. Contact [catherineallsbury@secondpreslr.org](mailto:catherineallsbury@secondpreslr.org) for more details.

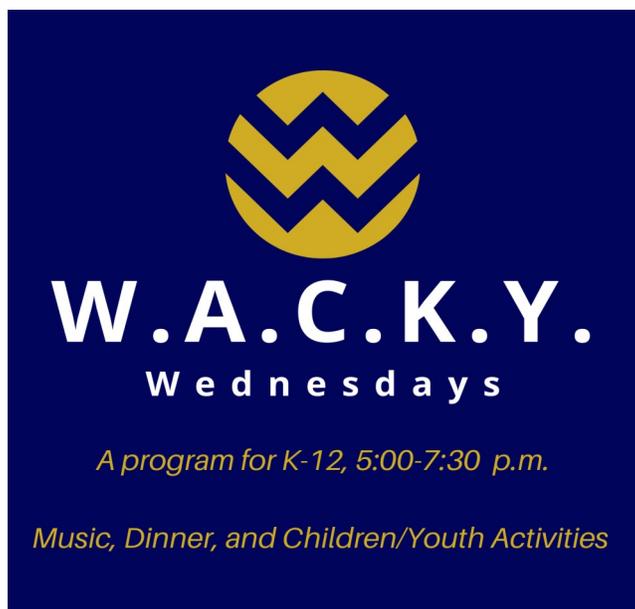


# SPY SUMMER FUN!



## Coming this fall! W.A.C.K.Y. Wednesdays!

Children (kindergarten through fifth grade) and youth (sixth through twelfth grade) are invited to our new *Wednesday Evenings At Church (for) Kids and Youth, (W.A.C.K.Y.)*. The evening will include children/youth activities, dinner, choir, and bells. Please save Wednesday nights for church night, and make plans to join us here for fun, fellowship, and faith formation as well as making great music. Friends and visitors are always welcome. For more information, please contact Mary Ibis, [maryibis@secondpreslr.org](mailto:maryibis@secondpreslr.org).



Children (K-5th)	Youth (6th-12th)
 Bells 5:00 p.m.	 Choir 5:00 p.m.
 Dinner 5:30 p.m.	 Activity 5:40 p.m.
 Choir 6:00 p.m.	 Dinner 6:20 p.m.
 Activity 6:50 p.m.	 Bells 6:50 p.m.

**Dismissal for all: 7:30 p.m.**



LifeQuest's Fall Term of classes will run September 19 – November 11.

LifeQuest is planning for a full term of 46 classes on a wide range of topics. Classes will be held in-person at Second Presbyterian Church, and online via Zoom and Facebook.

We're particularly looking forward to Rev. Steve Hancock's online class on Tuesday mornings:

### ***The Biblical Foundations of Social Justice***

Here's a description:

It is commonly thought in secular society that the Bible is one of the greatest hindrances to doing justice. Isn't it full of regressive views? Doesn't it condone slavery? Why look to the Bible for guidance on how to have a more just society?

In this class, we will challenge these preconceived beliefs and present the Bible as a fundamental source for promoting justice and compassion for those in need. We will explore a life of justice empowered by an experience of grace: a generous, gracious justice.

LifeQuest Fall Registration opens August 22, so look for your class brochures in the mail in mid-August. If you'd like to be on the mailing list, please contact the LifeQuest office at [info@lifequestofarkansas.org](mailto:info@lifequestofarkansas.org) or by phone: 501-225-6073

## Presbyterian Women



*“You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace.”* Isaiah 55:12

It is my hope that you all have had a blessed summer and managed to stay cool on many a hot day. Hot or not, we Presbyterian Women know how to keep our cool! And as this year’s theme expresses it well: “We Will Carry On!” We have managed to find creative ways to keep the mission of Presbyterian Women moving forward in spite of Covid and we will do more of the same these coming months. I am most excited about attending the PW Synod of the Sun Gathering in New Orleans and will have much to share from this learning experience on my return.

We plan to meet in person safely wearing masks, if need be, every second Tuesday of the month, beginning September 13. But we will also continue Zoom as an option. Our Bible Study entitled “Celebrating The Sabbath, Accepting God’s Gift of Rest and Delight” by Carol M. Bechtel will be available for purchase of \$10.00 (large print also available). Three options to obtain Study material and yearbook: 1) At the Ministry Fair on August 21 in the Great Hall. 2) Also available in the Narthex August 24 and September 4. 3) And in the church office during office hours, September 4– 12.

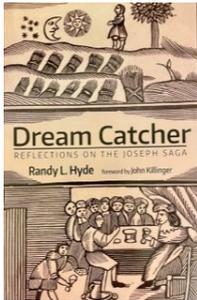
I am looking forward to seeing you soon. Again Tuesday, September 13 will be our first gathering with some fellowship time at 10:00 a.m. in the Narthex and followed with Bible Study at 10:30 a.m. in Second Hall. Our first Bible Study lesson is entitled “Sabbath and Celebration’ and it will be led by The Reverend Carol Clark, our Presbytery Connector.

Blessings,

Pam Babb

PW Moderator

## Upcoming Adult Sunday School Class



Beginning *August 28* and continuing through September, Randy Hyde will lead the Second Hall Adult Sunday School class in a study of Joseph, the son of Jacob. Based on his recently published book, *Dream Catcher: Reflections on the Joseph Saga*, Randy will guide the class through discussions of issues that are as old as the ancient Hebrew scriptures and as current as today’s news. Copies of the book are available in the church office for \$15. If you prefer, they can be purchased through Amazon as well.

## OUTREACH MINISTRY NEWS

**Afghan Welcome Project:** *Conversation Partners Needed:* One of the things we have been working on since our families’ arrival is helping them access the English language resources that they need. Fortunately, we have several ESL professionals and volunteers in our congregation who have been sharing their expertise with us as we work to equip our families to be successful in their new community. Our church members have identified local resources and given numerous hours of their own time working with our families. One specific need we have are more casual English-speaking conversation partners for the mothers in both families. For cultural reasons, these volunteers need to be women. If you would like to learn more about this opportunity, please contact Lindy Vogado (lindyvogado@secondpreslr.org) in the church office. *Used Car Needed:* On a very positive note, all of the men in our Afghan families have secured jobs or internships in their chosen vocations. Because the adult brothers in our second Afghan family are both working with widely varying hours, we are looking to help them purchase a second used vehicle for the household. If you have a reliable car that you’d like to donate or sell, please contact Lindy (lindyvogado@secondpreslr.org).

**Service Project at Our House:** On Saturday, August 13, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., a group from our church will be volunteering at Our House Homeless Shelter to help paint the classrooms in their Children’s Center before the new school year begins. If you are interested in participating or would like more information, contact Lindy Vogado (lindyvogado@secondpreslr.org) in the church office.



### Tired

The day-in, day-out routine of caring for her is finally getting you down. And she isn't getting any better. You're exhausted. You need someone to care for you.

A Stephen Minister can be this person. He or she won't push advice on you—instead, your Stephen Minister will listen and care for you, helping you sort through your feelings and discover the resources you need to make it through.

If you are going through a tough time and could use a caring friend, Second Presbyterian Church is a Stephen Ministry congregation. We provide confidential Christian caregiving to hurting people. To find out more about Stephen Ministry or to receive a Stephen Minister's care, call Associate Pastor Alisa Secrest, (501) 227-0000. Pastor Alisa will work with you to decide if Stephen Ministry will be a good fit for you and your unique situation

#### Stephen Leaders

Kay Combs  
Cathy Crass  
Steve Dunnagan  
Alisa Secrest  
Laurie Stueart  
Jana Villemez

### Those Serving Our Country

**Andrew Delo**, Jeanne Lloyd's grandson – stationed in Charleston, SC

**Taylor Douglas**, son of Susan & Kevin Douglas – San Diego, CA

**Jackson Hudkins**, son of Jay Hudkins and Becky Latch, Air Force Academy, CO

**Greer Johnson**, daughter of Cory and Stephanie Johnson, granddaughter of Kelly & Judy Johnson - Air Force Academy, CO

**Jonathan Johnson**, grandson of Helen Scott, nephew of Clarke & Cindy Scott Huisman – stationed at Fallon, NV

**Daniel Jones**, Marjorie Watkins' nephew, Sarah Ceja's cousin – stationed in Offut AFB, NE

**Jonathan Miller**, son of Patrice & Stan Miller – pilot for the USS Carl Vinson

**Kyle Rought**, Mary Ibis' cousin – stationed in Fort Hood, TX

**Jesse Smith**, nephew of Diane Karlson – stationed in CA

**John Matthew Solomon**, son of Mary Margaret & Alan Solomon – stationed at Fort Meade, MD

**Cogan Wade** – Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, NC



- *Watch for the table in the Narthex on Sunday morning, August 14*
- *Birthday Fund envelopes provided*

#### JOIN THE FUN ON

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 14**

**THE SECOND PRES BIRTHDAY FUND**

### *The Birthday Fund*

- During your birthday month, celebrate your birthday by giving a dollar celebrating each year of your life to our church's endowment fund.
- Whether you are 1 or 101 years of age, this gift gives back for all the blessings in your years.
- Our endowment fund provides support for all of our church's missions and ministries.



Faith and Grief will take a break during the summer. Meetings will resume in September. For additional resources, please visit [www.faithandgrief.org](http://www.faithandgrief.org).

## Dementia Caregiver Support Group

Are you caring for a loved one with dementia—perhaps a parent or a spouse? You are invited to our twice monthly Caregiver Support Group, designed for family members caring for a loved one with dementia. Meetings will be held in Room 60. For more information, contact Jo Ann McQuade or Alisa Secrest ([alissasecrest@secondpreslr.org](mailto:alissasecrest@secondpreslr.org)).

## Missed a Sermon?

Did you miss one of the sermons? If so, you can watch recent sermons on the church website at [secondpreslr.org](http://secondpreslr.org). To receive a copy of a sermon either by e-mail or regular mail, contact Karin Howze [Howze@secondpreslr.org](mailto:Howze@secondpreslr.org) or (501) 227-0000.

## Give Online to Support the Ministries of Second Presbyterian Church

You now have the opportunity to support the ministries of Second Presbyterian Church through online giving. Visit [secondpreslr.org](http://secondpreslr.org)/giving to contribute to the Annual Budget, make a Memorial Gift or Birthday Fund contribution.



For up-to-date info and reminders for current happenings in events with Families with Young Children Ministry contact Sharon Howard ([sharonhoward@secondpreslr.org](mailto:sharonhoward@secondpreslr.org).) Also, follow us on Facebook and Instagram to keep up with what we've got planned! [@SPLRFamiliesWithYoungChildren](https://www.instagram.com/SPLRFamiliesWithYoungChildren).



## SUNDAY DINNER IS STILL COOKING...

Join us through the summer for food & fellowship! The McCormack's have offered to host families with babies-elementary aged kids at "Sunday Dinner" **4:00 - 6:00 PM**. One week/month will be at the church in the Great Hall or Playground depending on weather. Main dish provided, bring a side dish or dessert to share.

The McCormacks address is 2 Northwest Ct. Little Rock, AR 72212.

Contact Grant Wright with questions [grantwright@secondpreslr.org](mailto:grantwright@secondpreslr.org)



## SUMMER SCHEDULE

**JULY:** 3 (SKIP), 10 (McCormacks),  
17 (Church), 24 (McCormacks)

**AUGUST:** 7 (Church),  
14 (McCormacks), 21 (SKIP),  
28 (McCormacks)





### Sunday Online Worship Service

Available beginning at 10:00 a.m. at [secondpreslr.org](http://secondpreslr.org)

#### Transitional Pastor

Rev. Jody Welker

#### Associate Pastors

Rev. Alisa Secrest

Rev. Lindy Vogado

#### Parish Associate

Dr. Robert Williamson

#### Interim Director of

#### Children, Families, Young Adult Ministries

Grant Wright

#### Interim Director of Spiritual Formation

Marie Mainard O'Connell

#### Transitional Youth Director

Ruth Amensen

#### Summer Youth Coordinator

Maggie Kirchner

#### Director of Music and Arts

Dr. Bevan Keating

#### Associate Director of Music

Mary Ibis

#### Organist

Adam Savacool

#### Business Administrator

Aileen Moore

#### Director of Planned Giving

Malinda Kirchner

#### Newcomer Care

Catherine Allsbury

#### Facilities Manager

David Beach

#### Administrative Associates

Karin Howze

Tracy May

Sharon Howard

Carrie Johnson

#### Food Service Manager

Brenda Majors

#### Child Care Coordinator

Karin Howze

#### Sextons

Guy Howze

Carrie Johnson

## Bulletin Board

**Hospitalized (\*Discharged)** \*Bob Burnside, \*Terri Craig, Jack East, Maryann East, \*Connie Pesek, \*Richard Portis, \*Pat Renfro, \*Dorothy Willoughby.

**We rejoice with** Holly and Jerry Bryant on the birth of a granddaughter, Gabriella Powell. Parents are Matt & Maria Powell; Marge Anna and Rex Luttrell on the birth of a granddaughter, Charlotte Campbell. Parents are Catherine and Craig Campbell.

**We celebrate with** Rebecca Ring and Finch Jones who were married on July 30; Andrew Hall and Christine Murray who were married on July 16.

**Our sympathy goes to** Rita Mitchell Waldoff on the death of her husband Milton Waldoff; Jay Hudkins, Becky Latch, Jackson Hudkins, and Jonas Hudkins on the death of father and grandfather, Jack Hudkins; Joe and Pat Luzzi on the death of Joe's sister, Pat Kucik; Jerry and Holly Bryant on the death of Jerry's brother, Mike Bryant; Ann and Rick Owen on the death of Ann's father, Louis Bowick.

**We would appreciate your help** . . . in keeping the church office informed when there is a sickness in your family, when someone is in the hospital, or a death has occurred. Please also keep us updated on the sickness or concern so that the information we have on our Care and Concern Line is accurate. Members and friends can call the Care and Concern Line, (501) 227-6117, on weekdays to receive information about prayer concerns in our church family. We will honor all requests for confidentiality, but in order for us to offer pastoral care we need to be aware of your situation. We also want to know about the joys, accomplishments and achievements of members of the church. Please call Alisa Secrest or Sharon Howard in the church office with information, (501) 227-0000, or e-mail [alissasecrest@secondpreslr.org](mailto:alissasecrest@secondpreslr.org) or [sharonhoward@secondpreslr.org](mailto:sharonhoward@secondpreslr.org). Thanks for your help!

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#### Upcoming Deadlines:

Wednesday, August 31

Wednesday, September 28



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